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Mailing List

Subject: Process for renewing authorization to discharge treated groundwater under the VOC General NPDES Permit

Order No. 99-051, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) No. CAG912003, general waste discharge requirements for discharge or reuse of extracted and treated groundwater resulting from the cleanup of groundwater polluted by volatile organic compounds (VOC General NPDES Permit) will expire on July 21, 2004. If you need coverage under this permit after the expiration date, please submit a Notice of Intent as described below no later than January 21, 2004. Written authorization to continue the discharge will be issued by the Executive Officer after a new order reissuing the VOC General NPDES permit is adopted by our Board.

The following materials must be submitted as part of re-application for the discharge:

1. Completed NPDES Application Form 3510-1 (General Information) and Form 3510-2C (Existing Discharges). A copy of these forms is attached. You may also obtain an electronic copy of these forms from http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/form_1.pdf and <http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/3510-2C.pdf>. An appropriate corporate officer, general partner, principal executive officer, or ranking elected official must sign all forms. The maximum flow rate that you are requesting to be authorized, the percent of your treatment system effluent flow that you are currently reclaiming and distance between your treatment facility and any reclamation facilities infrastructure, and the capacity of your treatment system shall be explained on page one of the form 2C. Please add an extra sheet at the end of Form 3510-2C to include any pollutant not listed on this form (e.g. Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MtBE)). When completing the last table pages on Form 3510-2C, please also provide influent data under the last column titled intake. If you are using any chemical added in the treatment system, please provide the name of the chemical and its influent concentration on the last page of Form 2C and attach the most recent material safety data sheet (MSDS).
2. A copy of the operation and maintenance manual certified by a California registered engineer. If you are currently upgrading or plan to upgrade your treatment facility to treat other pollutants such as 1,4-Dioxane, please provide the date that treatment facility upgrade will be completed.

Please submit one paper copy and one electronic copy in Portable Document Format (PDF) of your application package to our office. The PDF copy should be sent to our file transfer protocol (ftp) site, <ftp://rbnetn@rb2net.net> with User name/id "rbnetn" and password "sfbayrb2". The PDF copy shall include images of signed and dated cover letter pages, forms, and other attachments as a single PDF file. At this ftp site, please click on "Incoming" folder, and open "Farhad Azimzadeh" folder/ "VOC General NPDES permit NOI" sub-folder and copy your PDF file into the VOC General NPDES permit NOI" sub-folder. After you send your application package to our ftp site, please send a confirming email to Farhad Azimzadeh at fa@rb2.swrcb.ca.gov.

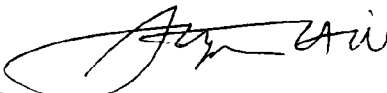
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After receipt of the application, staff may request additional information that is pertinent to your particular project. Staff will prepare a revised permit for public comment and then Board consideration. After the Board adopts an order re-issuing the VOC General NPDES Permit and once staff determines that a discharge is eligible for coverage under the general permit and that the application is complete, the Executive Officer will send the discharger an authorization letter. In the interim, dischargers who are currently subject to Order No. 99-051 and will file a complete NOI by January 21, 2004, will be subject to the new order re-issuing the VOC General NPDES Permit. This provision will assure no lapse in NPDES permit coverage for authorized discharges.

Changes to Water Code Section 13385.1: For your information, please note that effective January 1, 2004, monitory penalties will be assessed for submitting late monitoring reports pursuant to Water Code Section 13385.1 (you may review California Assembly Bill AB 1541 for more information).

Please contact Farhad Azimzadeh at (510) 622-2310 or fa@rb2.swrcb.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


for Bruce H. Wolfe
Executive Officer

Enclosure: Forms 1 and 2C

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